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Title: Apparatus and Method for Making Bags of Different Dimensions

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel all the original claims.

Please add the following claims:

14. An apparatus for providing packaging for products of varying sizes, comprising:
  - a) a first film source and a second film source, the first and second film sources each having film of a defined width, wherein the width of the film of the first film source is different from the width of the film of the second film source, and wherein the film of the first film source, and the film of the second film source, are each in the form of a tubular lay flat film;
  - b) a means for selecting a film source based on the size of the product to be packaged, and
  - c) a sealing mechanism for creating a seal in the tubular lay flat film of the first film source, or the tubular lay flat film of the second film source.
15. The apparatus of claim 14 further comprising a means for selecting a film length.